

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Withdrawn) A closure tape tab for an absorbent article, for fastening of the article on the body of a person, comprising a proximal end portion and a distal end portion being connected by an inner tab portion, said inner tab portion having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface, wherein said proximal and distal end portions are connected to said inner tab portion at said first major surface thereof such that opposing ends of said proximal and distal end portions are spaced apart from each other, and wherein an anti-adhesive means is provided at least at a part of said first major surface of said inner tab portion in said space.
2. (Withdrawn) The closure tape tab according to claim 1, wherein said anti-adhesive means extends in said space at least from adjacent the end of said proximal end portion towards the opposing end of the distal end portion.
3. (Withdrawn) The closure tape tab according to claim 1, wherein said anti-adhesive means extends at least partially over at least one of said proximal and distal end portions.
4. (Withdrawn) The closure tape tab according to claim 3, wherein said anti-adhesive means extends at least as far over said proximal and/or distal end portion as said inner tab portion.
5. (Withdrawn) The closure tape tab according to claim 1, further comprising a release tape attached to said proximal end portion or the second major surface of said inner tab portion, wherein the release tape extends at least partially along the second major surface of said inner tab portion.
6. (Withdrawn) The closure tape tab according to claim 5, wherein said anti-adhesive means extends in said space along said first major surface at least as far as the release tape extends on said second major surface.
7. (Withdrawn) The closure tape tab according to claim 1, wherein said anti-adhesive means substantially covers said space.

8. (Withdrawn) A closure tape tab for an absorbent article, for fastening of the article on the body of a person, comprising a continuous tape member having at least a proximal end portion and a distal end portion, said proximal and distal end portions being connected to an inner tab portion, said inner tab portion having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface, wherein said proximal and distal end portions are connected to said inner tab portion at said first major surface thereof, wherein said continuous tape member provides an anti-adhesive means for said inner tab portion and comprises two lines of weakness in the area of said inner tab portion, wherein said two lines of weakness define an intermediate part between said proximal and distal end portions, wherein a first line of weakness is provided between said proximal end portion and said intermediate part and a second line of weakness is provided between said distal end portion and said intermediate part, and wherein said intermediate part is not connected to said inner tab portion.
9. (canceled)
10. (Previously Presented) A closure tape tab for an absorbent article, for fastening of the article on the body of a person, comprising a proximal end portion and a distal end portion being connected by an inner tab portion, said inner tab portion having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface, wherein said proximal end portion is connected to said inner tab portion at said second major surface thereof such that said proximal end portion extends over at least a substantial portion of said inner tab portion, and said distal end portion is connected to said inner tab portion at said first major surface thereof such that at least a portion thereof remains exposed, and wherein an anti-adhesive means is provided at least at a part of said exposed portion of the first major surface of the inner tab portion.
11. (Currently Amended) The closure tape tab according to claim 10, wherein said anti-adhesive means extends over ~~substantially~~ the entire length of said exposed portion of said first major surface of said inner tab portion.
12. (Previously Presented) The closure tape tab according to claim 10, wherein said anti-adhesive means is an anti-adhesive paper, an anti-adhesive film, a cover strip or a liner.
13. (Previously Presented) The closure tape tab according to claim 10, wherein said anti-adhesive means is an anti-adhesive coating.

14. (Previously Presented) The closure tape tab according to claim 10, wherein said inner tab portion comprises an elastic, an elastic/nonwoven composite, or soft nonwoven composites.
15. (Currently Amended) The closure tape tab according to claim 10, wherein said proximal and distal end portions ~~and/or said proximal and distal end portions and said intermediate part~~ are comprised of a nonwoven material.
16. (Previously Presented) The closure tape tab according to claim 10, wherein an adhesive and/or a mechanical fastener component and/or a fingerlift are provided on the distal end portion.
17. (Currently Amended) A closure tape tab for an absorbent article, for fastening of the article on the body of a person, comprising a proximal end portion and a distal end portion being connected by an inner tab portion, said inner tab portion having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface, wherein said proximal end portion is connected to said inner tab portion at said second major surface thereof such that said proximal end portion extends over at least a substantial portion of said second major surface of said inner tab portion, and said distal end portion is connected to said inner tab portion at said first major surface thereof such that said distal end portion extends over said entire first major surface of said inner tab portion. The closure tape tab according to claim 10, wherein the anti-adhesive means is provided integrally with said distal end portion and wherein a line of weakness is provided in the distal end portion so that a portion of the distal end portion is removable from the closure tape tab so as to expose the first major surface of said inner tab portion.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Previously Presented) A stable roll of prelaminated closure tape from which closure tape tabs according to claim 10 can be cut.
20. (Previously Presented) The stable roll of prelaminated closure tape according to claim 19, wherein said stable roll is levelwound.
21. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a closure tape from which closure tape tabs for an absorbent article can be cut, said closure tape tabs being for fastening of the article on the body of a person, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a first tape section forming a proximal end portion and a second tape section forming a distal end portion of said closure tape tab;

connecting said first and second tape sections by means of an inner tab portion, said inner tab portion having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface, wherein said proximal and distal end portions are connected to said inner tab portion at said first major surface thereof such that opposing ends of said proximal and distal end portions are spaced from each other; and

providing an anti-adhesive means at least at a part of said first major surface of said inner tab portion in said space.

22. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a closure tape from which closure tape tabs for an absorbent article can be cut, said closure tape tabs being for fastening of the article on the body of a person, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a continuous tape having at least a first tape section forming a proximal end portion and a second tape section forming a distal end portion of said closure tape tab;

connecting to said first and second tape sections an inner tab portion, said inner tab portion having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface, wherein said proximal and distal end portions are connected to said inner tab portion at said first major surface thereof, wherein said continuous tape provides an anti-adhesive means for said inner tab portion and is provided with two lines of weakness in the area of the inner tab portion, wherein said two lines of weakness define an intermediate part between said proximal and distal end portions, wherein a first line of weakness is provided between said proximal end portion and said intermediate part and a second line of weakness is provided between said distal end portion and said intermediate part, and wherein said intermediate part is not connected to said inner tab portion.

23. (canceled)

24. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a closure tape from which closure tape tabs for an absorbent article can be cut, said closure tape tabs being for fastening of the article on the body of a person, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a first tape section forming a proximal end portion and a second tape section forming a distal end portion of said closure tape tab;

connecting said first and second tape sections by means of an inner tab portion, said inner tab portion having a first major surface and an opposite second major surface, wherein said proximal end portion is connected to said inner tab portion at said second

major surface thereof such that said proximal end portion extends over at least a substantial portion of said inner tab portion, and said distal end portion is connected to said inner tab portion at said first major surface thereof such that at least a portion thereof remains exposed; and

providing an anti-adhesive means at least at a part of said exposed portion of the first major surface.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the connection between said inner tab portion and said proximal and distal end portions is made by ultrasonic welding, cold or thermo pressure bonding, or adhesive bonding, or by any combination of welding and bonding methods.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25, wherein after connecting said first and second tape sections, the anti-adhesive means is provided in the form of a coating.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the anti-adhesive means is provided in the form of an anti-adhesive paper, anti-adhesive film, a cover strip or liner.
28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the distal end portion and the anti-adhesive means are provided as an integral element, wherein the anti-adhesive means is removable from the distal end portion.